

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in reply to the final Office Action mailed October 6, 2006 ("the Action"). Applicant submits that the amendments place the case in condition for allowance. The claims are amended and/or canceled herein without prejudice to future claims in a continuation application in order to advance prosecution.

I. Allowed/Allowable Claims

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation, the Examiner's statement in the Action that Claim 47 is allowed and that Claims 12, 25 and 39 recite allowable subject matter. The subject matter of Claim 12 has been incorporated into Claim 1, which Applicant submits is now in condition for allowance. Claim 12 has been canceled. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-11, 13, 14, 43, 44, 48-56, which depend from Claim 1, directly or indirectly, are also in condition for allowance.

The subject matter of Claim 25 has been incorporated into Claim 15. Claims 23 and 25 have been canceled. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 15 and dependent Claims 16-22, 24, 26-28 and 45 are in condition for allowance.

The subject matter of Claim 39 has been generally incorporated into base Claim 29. Claim 39 has been canceled. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 29 and dependent Claims 30-37 and 46 are also in condition for allowance.

II. Other

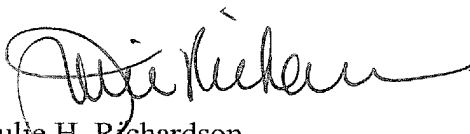
Applicant has amended independent Claims 40 and 50 to incorporate similar subject matter from that recited in the allowed/allowable claims. Thus, Applicant submits that Claim 40 and its dependent Claims 41 and 42, and Claim 57 and its dependent Claim 58 are also in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encourage to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

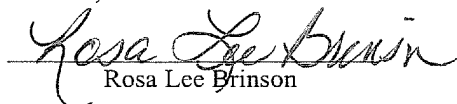


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